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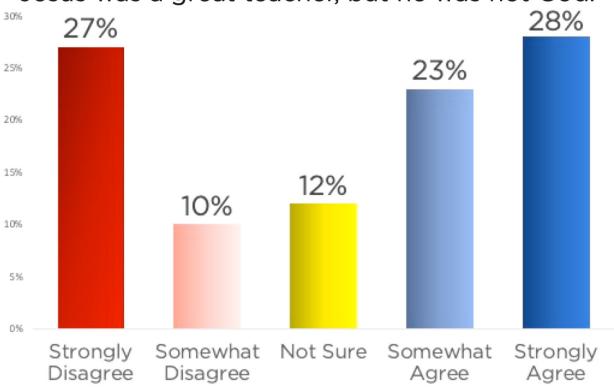






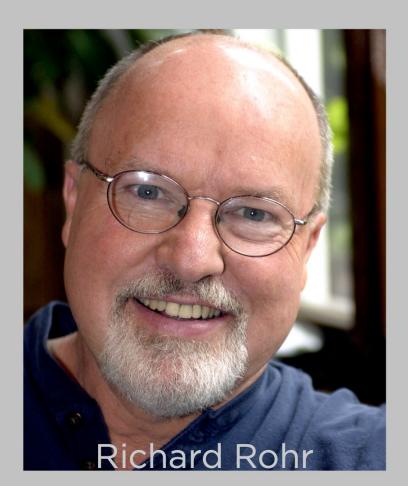
Christology = beliefs about the person and work of Jesus Christ

"Jesus was a great teacher, but he was not God."



"I cannot put this book down."

Bono



"Without any apology, lightweight theology, or fear of heresy, I can appropriately say that Venus was also Christ for me."

Richard Rohr

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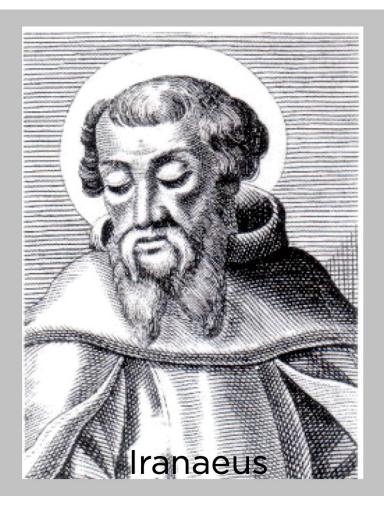
Richard Rohr

"What I am calling in this book an incarnational worldview is the profound recognition of the presence of the Divine in literally 'every thing' and 'every one."

Richard Rohr

"If God is a personal Being, then how could God enter into 'incarnation' with the physical universe without thereby becoming impersonal? "As personal beings, you and I cannot become incarnate in inanimate things. How much less could God become incarnate in stone, ocean, or atmosphere? It demeans the Incarnate One to suggest otherwise."

Michael McClymond



"Error, indeed, is never set forth in its naked deformity, lest, being thus exposed, it should at once be detected.

"But it is craftily decked out in an attractive dress, so as, by its outward form, to make it appear to the inexperienced ... more true than the truth itself."

Iranaeus

"The problem with Rohr isn't just that he has adopted certain theologically debatable positions. It's that the indispensable, all-transforming, holy mystery of the gospel – the Word become flesh (John 1:14) – is not even there.

"In its place is emptiness. If Jesus' human body vanished, as Rohr tells us, and its diffusive beams scattered everywhere, then there is nothing left to worship except the universe itself."

Michael McClymond

"This is not a book to be tossed aside lightly. It should be thrown aside with great force."

Dorothy Parker

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."

John 1:14

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"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made." John 1:1-3

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"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel."

Matthew 1:23

"Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness; He was manifested in the flesh ..."

1 Timothy 3:16

"Who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men."

Philippians 2:6-7

3. **proximity** - "and dwelt among us"

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tabernacled - He becomes our place of sacrifice and meeting with God

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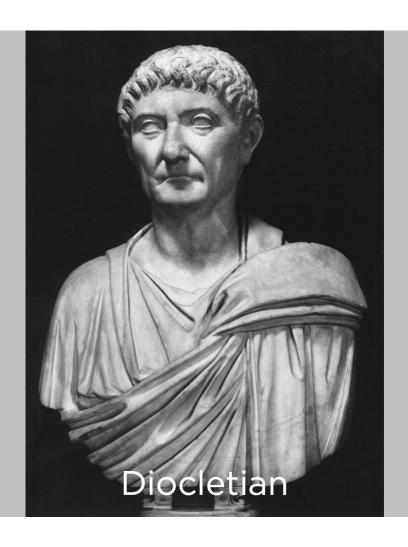
"Please show me your glory!" Exodus 33:18

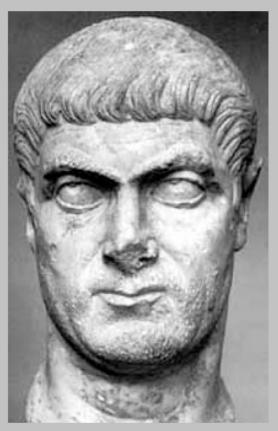
"ultimate anthropomorphism ... God in the form of a man, yet still the one and only God. Cosmic yet personal. The logos yet flesh. People could walk and talk with an incarnation of an infinite being beyond the universe."

R.E. Friedman

"In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. "For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

2 Corinthians 4:4, 6

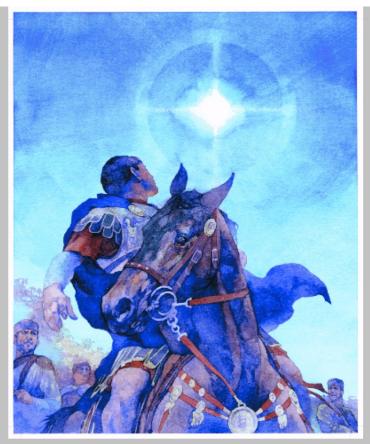




Galerius

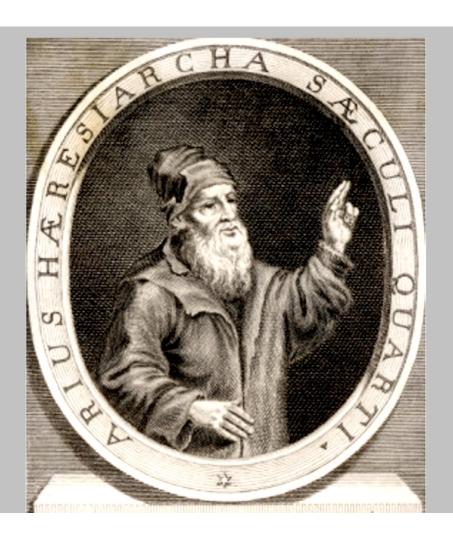


Milvian Bridge



Constantine

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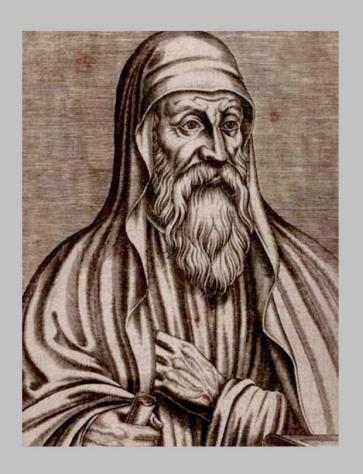
"Gnosticism ... taught that there was one supreme God, who dwells alone, and then a number of lesser beings, who do God's work and pass back and forth between heaven and earth.

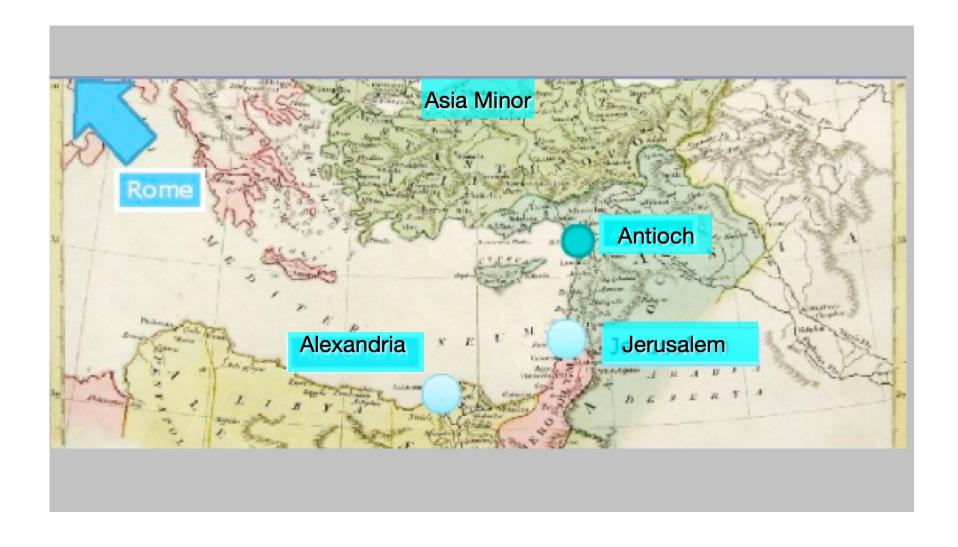
"Converts from paganism found it hard to grasp the Christian belief that the Word existed from all eternity, and that he is equal with the Father. "Arius made Christianity easier to understand. It seemed more reasonable to think of Christ as a kind of divine hero: greater than an ordinary human being, but of a lower rank than the eternal God."

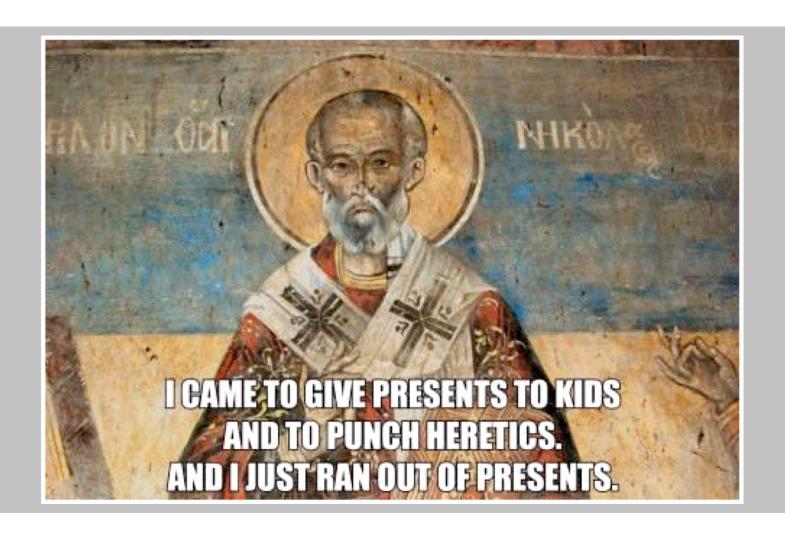
Bruce Shelley

2. Alexander

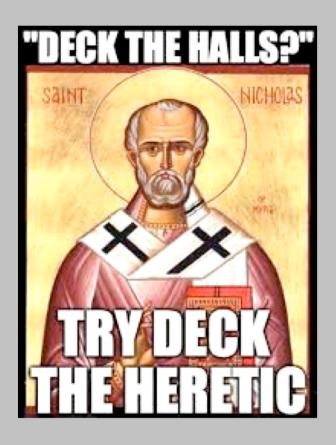
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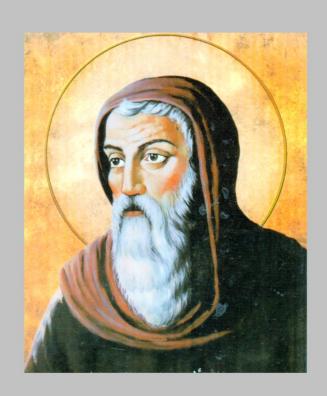






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"No-one else but the Saviour, who in the beginning made everything out of nothing, could bring what had been corrupted into a state free from corruption.

"No-one else but the Image of the Father could re-create human beings in God's image. No-one else but our Lord Jesus Christ, who is life itself, could give immortality to mortal humans.

"No-one else but the Logos, who imparts order to everything and is the one true and only-begotten Son of the Father, could teach us about the Father and destroy idolatry ...

"He became human that we might become divine; He revealed Himself in a body that we might see the invisible Father; He suffered our insults that we might inherit immortality."

Athanasius



"I believe in one God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and of all things, visible and invisible; "and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Only-begotten, begotten of the Father, "before all ages, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not created, "of the same essence as the Father, through whom all things were created; who for us human beings and our salvation came down from the heavens "and was made flesh from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man, and was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried, "and rose again on the third day according to the scriptures, and ascended into the heavens, and sits at the right hand of the Father, "and comes again with glory
to judge the living and the dead,
of whose kingdom there shall be no end."
Nicene Creed

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16